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PREFACE

The General Household Survey (GHS) 2005 is the second in the series of large-scale mid-decade national survey undertaken by the Singapore Department of Statistics. The GHS is the second largest statistical project in Singapore, after the Population Census. It provides mid-decade benchmark data for the key demographic, social and labour force statistics between the Census years.

The GHS 2005 covered some 90,000 households. Information on demographic, education, economic, transport, travel, household and housing characteristics was obtained using a tri-modal data collection strategy. This comprises Internet, Computer-Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) and fieldwork. For this survey, a key innovation was the use of Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) and SMS alerts in the field, which facilitated data collection during fieldwork and helped to improve survey operations.

The General Household Survey 2005 Statistical Release 1 – Socio-Demographic and Economic Characteristics is the first of two statistical publications on the detailed survey results. Key survey findings on the demographic, educational and economic characteristics of the resident population provide an overview of broad trends and changes since 2000 where appropriate. Detailed statistical tables in the report facilitate in-depth studies by users. Statistical Release 2 contains analysis and statistical tables on mode of transport, overseas travel as well as household and housing characteristics.

I would like to express my deep appreciation to all who have in one way or another contributed to the General Household Survey 2005. I am grateful to all households who have given their full support to the General Household Survey.

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